

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for securely accessing data in a personal computer. The method includes reading a secret from a first location, securing the secret in a secure location different from the first location, and retrieving at least a portion of the data stored in the first location using the secret. The method may also include reading code from the first location, wherein the code is different from the secret and different from the data stored in the first location, wherein retrieving at least a portion of the data stored in the first location using the secret includes retrieving at least a portion of the data stored in the first location using the code and the secret.